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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-27 are patentable over the art of record and allowance is respectfully requested of claims 1-27.

Claims 1-2, 5-11, 14-20, and 23-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lastrange et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,142). Applicant traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

The Lastrange patent describes that when a hyperlink is selected, it is determined whether a sticky page flag is set (FIG. 6B). If a sticky page flag is set, then a new window is opened in a browser, and the second page associated with the hyperlink is displayed in the new window. (Col. 5, lines 14-25, FIG. 6B). Thus, a user may simultaneously display any number of windows having a depressed push pin symbol. (Col. 5, lines 37-40) If the sticky page flag is not set, then the second page is loaded into the current window (Col. 5, lines 41-43, FIG. 6B).

Claim 1 describes displaying pages in a viewer program on a computer display monitor, wherein the viewer program displays an application window. Multiple pages are displayed in a non-overlapping manner within panes of a same application window. (See, for example, Applicants' Specification, page 10, line 29-page 11, line 3) Additionally, claim 1 describes downloading a first and second pages from one of multiple servers over a network, and automatically concurrently displaying the first page in a first window pane and the second page in a second window pane in the application window according to predefined settings specifying how pages are to be displayed in the first and second panes. Claim 1 also describes downloading a third page from one of multiple servers over the network, automatically concurrently displaying the third page in one of the first and second panes and one of the first and second pages in the other pane according to the predefined settings, downloading a fourth page from one of multiple servers over the network, and automatically concurrently displaying the third and fourth pages in the first and second panes according to the predefined settings.

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The Office Action states that the Lastrange patent does not explicitly teach downloading a third page from one of multiple servers over the network, automatically concurrently displaying the third page in one of the first and second panes and one of the first and second pages in the other pane according to the predefined settings, downloading a fourth page from one of multiple servers over the network, and automatically concurrently displaying the third and fourth pages in the first and second panes according to the predefined settings.

However, the Office Action states that the Lastrange patent describes that, although first and second browser windows are illustrated as adjacent, they may overlap or be reduced in size. The Office Action suggests that the ability to overlap the first and second windows teaches that the first and second pages may be overlapped by the third and fourth windows. Applicant traverses. First, the Lastrange patent, at Col. 4, lines 37-48, is describing the display of windows, rather than content. That is, the first window displaying the first page may overlap with the second window displaying the second page. Additionally, the Lastrange patent describes determining whether a sticky flag is set and using that to determine whether to open a new window. This teaches away from *automatically concurrently* displaying the third page and one of the first and second pages and *automatically concurrently* displaying the third and fourth pages in the first and second panes. Instead, with the Lastrange patent, if the sticky flag is enabled, and because a user may simultaneously display any number of windows having a depressed push pin symbol (Col. 5, lines 37-40), the Lastrange patent may display the third and fourth pages in third and fourth windows. This teaches away from automatically concurrently displaying the third and fourth pages in the first and second panes, which results in replacing the first and second pages.

Thus, claim 1 is not taught or suggested by the Lastrange patent. Claims 10 and 19 are not taught or suggested by the Lastrange patent for at least the same reasons as were discussed with respect to claim 1.

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Office Action states that the Lastrange patent describes caching previously downloaded pages at Col. 5, line 21-Col. 6, line 6. The Lastrange patent describes determining whether or not a page is to persist on the display and if the page is not to persist, replacing a page in a current window with a new page. This teaches away from caching.

Also, the Office Action cites Applicant Admitted Prior Art as teaching a Back button, but the use of a Back button does not teach or suggest automatically concurrently displaying the previously displayed page in the first pane and the first page in the second pane according to the predefined settings in response to the user input command to display the previously displayed page. Thus, claims 3, 12, and 21 are not taught or suggested by the Lastrange patent or AAPA, either alone or in combination.

Dependent claims 4, 13, and 22 depend from claims 3, 12, and 21, respectively, are not taught or suggested by the Lastrange patent or AAPA, either alone or in combination, for at least the same reasons as were discussed with respect to claims 3, 12, and 21.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-27 are patentable over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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